

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a method of treating or preventing obesity, overweight, fluctuations in blood insulin levels and/or fluctuations in blood glucose levels in mammals. The method according to the invention comprises the enteral administration to a mammal of an effective amount of a preparation containing an enzyme capable of converting an ingested carbohydrate or digestion product thereof into one or more absorbable components, wherein the total metabolic caloric value of the absorbable component(s) is less than the metabolic caloric value of the ingested carbohydrate or digestion product thereof. Thus the present invention effectively provides a method that allows complete digestion of ingested digestible carbohydrates whilst at the same time reducing the actual metabolic caloric value of said ingested carbohydrates. Another aspect of the invention relates to a pill for oral administration provided with an enteric coating and containing 25 to 10.000 IU glucose isomerase per gram.